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Tree Throws Shade at First Responders

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett's Tree Committee is an active and vital volunteer group dedicated to the preservation of the town's trees and its canopy. Just ask any one of the eight members, and you will hear how important tree preservation and planting is to human life.

As part of Mattapoisett's Arbor Day observances that included raising the Arbor Day flag at Town Hall, the committee watched as its gift of a magnolia tree was planted at the Police Station.

Committee Chairman Sandy Hering explained that the tree and the accompanying inscribed grant marker were in honor and recognition of all first responders in Mattapoisett. The committee wanted to make a strong statement of their support and appreciation for those men and women who sacrifice their personal safety every day in the line of duty and never more so than during the pandemic.

Hering, along with members Susan Perkins and Mike Immel, pointed out that trees help with drainage by consuming as much as 120 gallons of water each and every day. Trees also improve air quality, clean the atmosphere of dust and provide critical shade. On that singular point, the group said that the tree canopy helps to reduce power costs and consumption by reducing the ambient temperature under their leafy shade.

On the Cover: *From left, Mattapoisett Chief of Police Jason King, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco and Fire Chief Andrew Murray are flanked by members of the Tree Committee and Highway Department as they gather around a granite plaque commemorating first responders in whose honor a tree was planted on Arbor Day, April 29, in front of the fire station. Mattapoisett has been a nationally designated Tree City for the past 14 years. Photo by Marilou Newell*

In partnership with programs offered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, each year local fifth-grade students are invited to participate in a poster contest. The chosen rendering then is placed in a statewide competition. Hering said that this year the committee was delighted to receive 35 entries. The poster theme for 2022 was, "Be a cool

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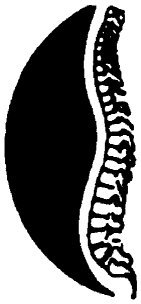

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community – plant trees."

Arbor Day celebrations have been taking place for 150 years. As pioneers moved westward, they were surprised to find how treeless and open the plains were. The landscape lacked windbreaks, and the winds removed precious soils.

In the late 1800s, J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor in Nebraska City, enthusiastically advocated that the residents take responsibility for tree planting. The request caught on as civic organizations began planting trees. When Morton became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, he spread his message that trees were vital and necessary to the survival of the humankind. In January 1872, Morton promoted a tree-planting holiday called Arbor Day. The rest is an ongoing story of tree planting now across the planet.

The national organization, the Arbor Day Foundation, notes on its website Arborday.org that in the last 50 years, groups around the globe have been supplied with 500,000,000 trees in 50 countries. Now on the 150th anniversary of this secular holiday, their stated goal is to plant another 500,000,000 but in just five years, "… because the world can't wait."

Arbor Day is a time to remember we share the planet with all living forms with trees being a very grand and essential part. Hering said, "Future generations will thank us for what we do today. Or to put it another way, the author Nelson Henderson wrote, 'The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.'"

A Mother's Day Remembered

By Marilou Newell

The paper her note is written on has yellowed over the 54 years since she wrote it. The ink has faded a bit too. But her words carry so much relationship history, decades of living, so much pain, misunderstandings and yes, love that just holding the folded slip of paper inspires a flood of memories.

I've cherished this note from the past, though it is a mere 27 words. She wrote to me, so it is important, and the words she wrote, well, every single one is a gift.

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About once a year, I'll take it out and read her words, "Dearest Daughter – Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and gifts and for spending the day at home. It meant much to me. Love always Mother." I think she wanted the note to hold as much significance to me as that day had held for her because she referred to herself as "Mother," a name her children never used – she was always simply "Ma."

Ma's thank-you note would have been written in 1968 or 1969, placing me at about 17 or 18 years old. By that point in time, the close relationship I had enjoyed with my mother had changed. I had become a rather bitter teenager and she a rather bitter mother, often at her wit's end where I was concerned. There were boys of course, but not the type she wanted me around. Ma was right to be concerned for the most part. But I was very headstrong and immature.

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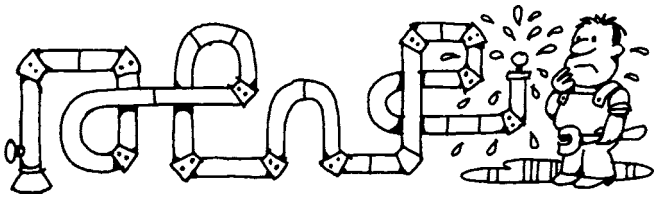

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As for Ma, she'd had a tough upbringing. Her father had a stroke as a young man in his 40s, leaving his wife the sole provider for their children. My grandmother must have been exhausted most of the time. I image what it would have been like for her during those years when her husband was helplessly laid out in their front bedroom, demanding attention both implied and explicit.

Ma told me stories of what her life was like before and after her father's demise. He was a harsh, hardworking, French Canadian immigrant. He fished the local shores, eking out a very modest living. He could rain down terror on his children or go to New Bedford and bring home rock candy during Christmastime.

After the stroke, my grandfather was totally undone. Paralyzed, he was unable to do much of anything for himself. Ma said she was about 12 years old when this happened. With her mother out working one of the many jobs she'd held until the day she too succumbed to a stroke, Ma became a caregiver. She once said to me, "Imagine being 12 years old and having to clean your father's bedpan … awful!"

The stress and struggles of her early life never really left Ma. She'd recall how completely crazed her mother became with worry in the aftermath of the 1946 gas explosion in Onset Center. Her youngest son couldn't be found. That horrific event killed nine and injured 60. That missing son had witnessed the explosion but was safe.

Ma could recall in detail how her mother would come home from work and immediately go to her room to remove her coreset. "She'd fling it around the bedpost," Ma would chuckle. But then returning to her kitchen, my grandmother would cook for her hungry crew a simple but nourishing meal maybe of baked beans and brown

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Insight came to her late in life, and she mourned all she had poorly or not at all done for her children. I would tell her in those later years when she would feel sad over something she now believed she could have done better, "Ma, your children are adults. We are responsible for our own happiness and our own decisions." Those talks never really eased her troubled mind.

In the winter season of 1968-69, I was still living at home but either working, going to school or spending time with my boyfriend. I stayed away from home as much as possible.

As that particular Mother's Day approached, my boyfriend's mother, in whom I had confided some truths about my relationship with my mother, encouraged me to cut Ma some slack. "She is your mother after all." It was she who told me I should spend that Mother's Day at home with my own mother. I have never regretted taking that advice.

As the years went by, from that point forward

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In the last two decades of Ma's life, I spent hours either helping her with shopping or just going for those rides she'd call adventures. We even took a short vacation to Vermont where she marveled at the tree-covered mountains. I see her now riding shotgun as we toured the north and south shores, Cape Cod, Rochester, Marion and her beloved Onset. I'm so glad we had those times together. For me, as I now creep towards the twilight of my own life, the pleasant memories, thankfully stand out more and more.

Holding that note, written so long ago by a mother who had a hard time saying "I love you," is her Mother's Day gift to me every year.

If she knew I still had that note she might pooh-poo it as my being overly sentimental. The truth is, it reminds me that she always loved me even when I didn't

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believe that was true. She was, after all, a mother – my Mother.

Editor's Note: As we did since the onset of the pandemic, The Wanderer *has invited candidates in contested races to submit up to 350 words about their candidacy for public office. This week we have the three candidates for two open seats on the Trustees of the Mattapoisett Public Library: Bill Coquillette, Don Fleming and incumbent Mike Rosa. On May 12, we will publish statements from the candidates in the Select Board races in Marion and Mattapoisett, along with Marion's Planning Board race. On May 19, we will publish the statements of candidates for Rochester School Committee and Select Board.*

Bill Coquillette - Trustees of Mattapoisett Public Library

I am seeking to serve as Library Trustee based on two things: (1) my love of the Mattapoisett Library and (2) a desire to contribute my experience as a board member to the service of the Library. Love of the Mattapoisett Library runs in the Coquillette family. Some voters may remember my parents, Bob and Dagmar Coquillette, who lived for many years at 22 North Street and were enthusiastic supporters of the Library. When my wife and

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Mike Rosa – Mattapoisett Library Trustees

I am currently running for re-election to the Mattapoisett Library Trustees.

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from volunteering as a Little League manager, umpire and president of the league, though currently driving for the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. I am also a member of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee. Led by our Library Director and dedicated staff, the Mattapoisett Public Library has emerged from the challenges of the past two years to return to the same level of service and community engagement that has been the hallmark of the library. The library has reengaged the community from preschoolers to seniors with summer programming, cultural programs, lectures, films, musical performances and much more. The library is at the center of any community, and the Mattapoisett Public Library has admirably filled that role in our town. I am proud to have served on the Board of Trustees and look forwarding to continue our work for the benefit of our citizens.

Affordable Housing Petition Hits Legal Snag

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board met on Monday night, approved the final draft of the warrant for the May 23 Annual Town Meeting and reviewed what might become its most problematic article.

A citizen's petition article would authorize the town to enter into a 99-year lease agreement with a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization to build affordable housing on four acres on the south side of Perry's Lane. The lease price tag would be for $1, and the units would be limited to Rochester seniors and veterans.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey told the board he has several problems with the petition but cannot suggest changes prior to Town Meeting. A petition article must be published in a warrant as is because the citizens who signed the document were signing onto its exact language.

Bailey said a particular non-profit is behind the petition but added that this agreement would have to be open to any 501(c)(3), and the town may not be able to restrict the project to town residents.

His biggest problem with the measure, he said, is that a town cannot enter a 99-year lease. For that,

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the town would need special state legislative approval, which then would require a separate town meeting approval. "They've put the cart before the horse here," Bailey said. "The town can't do this without a special act of legislation."

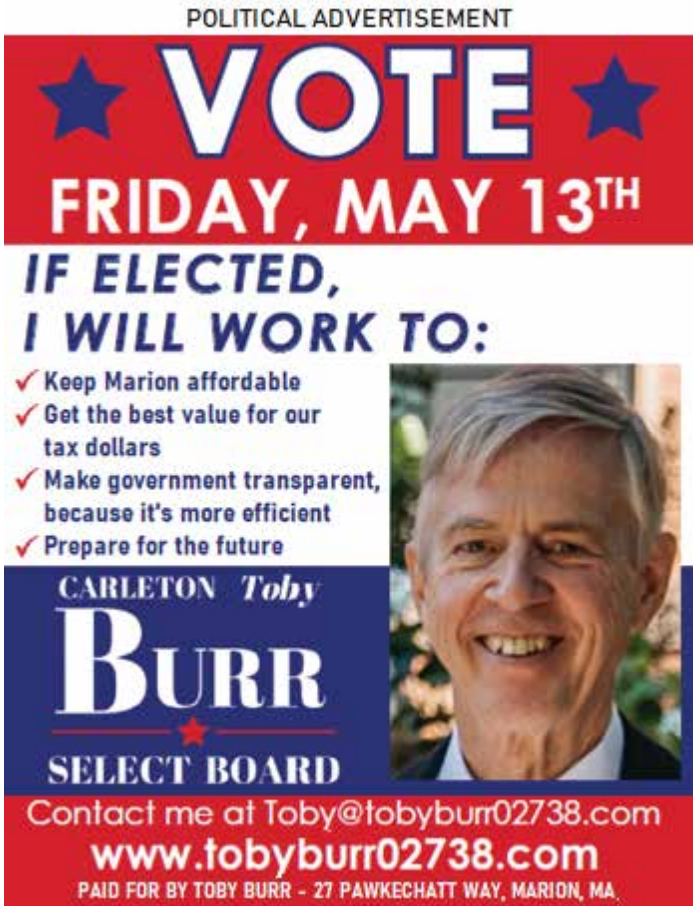
Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said the warrant will be posted on the town website (townofrochester.com) this week. The 28-article warrant features a $24,174,626 operating budget for FY23 that includes both town and school expenditures.

The board attracted its largest audience on Monday, however, for its annual renewal of the Sippican Rod and Gun Club Range Permit. Club members packed the meeting room to standing-room-only level in response to the board placing it as an agenda item for special discussion.

Club president Andrew Daniel explained to the board that the club is nearly 100 years old, and its practices have met or exceeded mandated safety standards for a long time. "We are very proud of our safety record," he said.

Select Board member Woody Hartley explained why he had sparked making it a separate agenda item. "Why I brought this up is that I had no backup information in my packet," he said. "I never vote on something without having a full understanding of it. Now I am satisfied."

In other action, the board appointed town resident



Michael Gifford as a new member of the Conservation Commission, issued a citation congratulating Gail Roberts on her retirement after 15 years as director of the Plumb Library and issued a one-day liquor license for an Old Rochester Youth Baseball event scheduled for Saturday, May 21, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. at the Arch at the Meadow facility, 332 Mendell Road.

The Rochester Select Board will meet next on Monday, May 16, at 6:00 pm.

Straus Sweetens Waterman's Sendoff

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Representative William Straus kept a 6:15 pm appointment with the Marion Select Board on Tuesday night at the Music Hall, offering encouraging overtures of more financial support from the state, but at the same time cautioning against being overly optimistic.

The Mattapoisett resident's advocacy of Marion's infrastructural upgrades, particularly the recently completed lagoon cleanup, has been impactful for a small town facing enormous expense in the present and future.

On Tuesday, Straus reported that the House has approved a $25,000 grant to go toward utility connections at the Cushing Community Center. The bill would next go over to the Senate. "Typically, it's unlikely the Senate follows exactly what we do," he said. Straus anticipates that Senate action would be presented in late June to Governor Baker, who in turn would sign off in the weeks and months following.

In summarizing the state government's activities where it concerns Marion's lagoon project, Straus said $2,000,000 in funding was based on a 2018 bond bill. Marion received a $250,000 payment.

The state Department of Environmental Protection, he said, was in touch last week about advancing another $250,000. If the trend continues, he said, in a couple years, the project will have received half of the earmarked $2,000,000.

Straus also was able to procure $50,000 to go toward the Creek Road pumping station project.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is

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responsible for that sum, and Straus told the Select Board that the governor over the last couple of weeks filed Step 2 ARPA proposals.

A number of local projects could be impacted by another potential $2,000,000, but Straus cautioned that expectations don't always carry out. "I don't want people's expectations to be too high on that," he said, noting a plan to clarify the direction of the funding with the governor.

The obvious hope is that over the next three months, the Creek Road pumping station could receive impactful funding. Straus said that the earlier numbers proved to be "pretty solid. The town is getting the kind of cooperation from the DEP that they deserve."

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Town Administrator Jay McGrail said, "not everyone gets that kind of attention, I really appreciate it."

"The money really matters," said John Waterman in his final meeting as a member of the Select Board.

Straus said the Marion Select Board is "always a good board to work with."

The board wasted little time before voting to approve the Request for Determination of Eligibility for 0 and 78 Wareham Road, paving the way for a simple majority vote on developer Matt Zuker's proposal to change his Route 6 property to Residence Zone E (multi-family.)

Zuker's "The Cottages" townhouse-style, market-rate housing complex is strongly favored by the Planning Board and Select Board as a smart-growth opportunity for Marion.

The same zoning proposal, then requiring a super majority (two-thirds) ended in a split at Town Meeting last fall and was defeated.

Based on a state amendment, the town will ask voters at the May 9 Town Meeting for a simple majority vote to approve the zoning change, after which Zuker's project will go through a full vetting process.

Waterman said that the usage of the law is project-specific, and while the Select Board members "have the back of the Planning Board ... this will be case by case," he said.

Suspecting that Lockheed Martin will put its property up for sale in the coming days, McGrail has worked several months with the Affordable Housing Trust and consultant Judy Barrett on a Development Plan that the Planning Board reviewed on Monday night and the Select Board on Tuesday.

Both boards authorized McGrail to send the conceptual plan to Lockheed Martin on Wednesday in hopes that it will facilitate a sale to a party that could partner with the town on a key development for Marion's long-term future.

Paul Naiman updated the Select Board on the Cushing Community Center food pantry that was approved to open in December. Naiman reported that the pantry has assisted 501 people, not only seniors but on a wide-ranging demographic. "The residents have been incredibly supportive of our effort," he said.

Among the 501 people, 282 households were represented with Tuesdays the most popular day of the week, especially between 4:00 and 6:00 pm, accounting for 50 percent of the visits. Thursdays and Saturdays (10:00 am to 2:00 pm) are equally divided.

The demographics were broken down to 55 percent seniors, approximately one-third ages 18-64 and 12 percent under age 17.

Citing a bevy of volunteers, Naiman also noted that the pantry has received $6,000 in cash donations that he would like to see used to expand the pantry's offerings beyond the steady stream of items that come from Boston Food Bank through the local YMCA. The pantry, he said, has been offered a refrigeration unit.

Naiman thanked Tabor Academy for its donation of 100 hams at Easter.

He would also like to talk to Rochester and Mattapoisett representatives about partnering with them and opening up Marion's food pantry to those towns. That is a matter that Naiman said will eventually come back before the Select Board.

As outreach and publicity increases, Naiman said, the pantry will be able to do more.

Parker pointed out in part for Straus' benefit that the pantry is based at the Community Center, the subject of the $25,000 grant announced early in the meeting.

Karen Gregory of the Council on Aging has been

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the point person for the project.

McGrail said that, during the May 13 Town Election, a food drive will be held in the Community Center parking lot with an emphasis on items not supplied by the Boston Food Bank including condiments and cat and dog food..

In a 6:30 pm appointment, the board voted to approve the appointment of Marion Police Officer Sean McAssey as a part-time officer. In announcing McAssey's retirement effective May 8, Chief of Police Richard Nighelli said it has been a "pleasure to work with Mr. Waterman."

McAssey spent 20 years on police forces, working in several departments, including the U.S. Army National Guard from 1984 to 1990.

Nighelli said he appreciates McAssey seeking the convenience of the department in timing out his retirement from full-time duty. McAssey was the recipient of a commendation for the apprehension of a dangerous suspect in a breaking-and-entering case including pursuit on foot. Nighelli also read the testimony of a resident whose daughter was traumatized lauding McAssey of his kindness and professionalism.

"We very much appreciate your down-home touch here in Marion," said Select Board member Randy Parker.

"I'll miss it," said McAssey.

In his Town Administrator's Report, McGrail

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noted key dates including: Annual Town Meeting Monday on Monday, May 9, at 6:45 pm at Sippican Elementary School; Candidates Night hosted by The Wanderer on Friday, May 6, at 5:00 pm at the Music Hall; and the Town Election on Friday, May 13, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center.

In bidding an official farewell to Waterman, McGrail thanked him for "tireless enthusiasm for this truly thankless job. ... John has challenged me over the last few years, and that challenge has made me a better town administrator," said McGrail. "John never takes the easy way out. We wish him and Mallory the best in the future."

The board presented Waterman a plaque to commemorate his four years of service and a cake.

Waterman called it a "great four years" and said he could not have worked with "two greater people," calling them a team that worked really well.

In other business, the board approved with stipulations George Morton's sewer-connection application at 17 Hermitage Road. They also approved a Water/Sewer commitment of $777.14 (final readings April 27.)

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will take place at the Annual Town Meeting, May 9, at 6:45 pm at Sippican Elementary School.

Town Taking Longer Look at Capital Projects

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

During the April 28 meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco shared that one of his many objectives is to provide fiscal planning for large improvement projects facing the community in the now and into the coming years.

Lorenco's comments came as Capital Planning Chairman Chuck McCullough reviewed with the Fincom members the recommended expenditures for FY23, expenditures listed in warrant Article 11 of the May 9 Spring Town Meeting warrant.

As McCullough pointed to the importance of funding highway-improvement projects, Lorenco said, "A lot of things were delayed because of Covid. It behooves us to take a break and see where we are going."

Lorenco then called attention to the number of multimillion-dollar projects facing the town, everything from culvert and roadway repairs to wharf repairs, from the completion of the bike path to the need to relocate Town Hall. Lorenco said that in order to pay for the myriad of big-ticket projects, fiscal planning is critical to try to avoid a Proposition 2.5 override. "We are going to have to borrow," he said. Even with some debt rolling off the books by 2026, Lorenco said that 2026 is also when the borrowing to pay for the new Fire Station rolls on with a $600,000 payment due.

Another expense Lorenco discussed was repairs and improvements to the town's Highway Department building on Mendell Road. "That project now is estimated at $1.2 million," he said. "I want to balance it all out and look at all the projects." Lorenco said the town is facing as much as $55,000,000 in major projects in the next few years and that he wants a plan to try to avoid an impact on the taxpayers.

Capital expenses in Article 11 are: road improvements $250,000, mechanical systems in municipal buildings $96,651, telephone systems $40,000, police tasers $50,000, Center School infrastructure master clock $12,500, library outside lighting $25,000, library security cameras $10,000, flooring repairs Old Hammondtown School $25,000, Police Department motorcycle $25,000 and Police Department cruiser $50,000. Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund capital expenses include improvements to freshwater wells at $30,000 and $50,000 ($25,000 from each fund) for new building-design costs and $70,000 ($35,000 each fund) for a new truck.

McCullough also discussed the Community Preservation Act grants. He stated that although a grant in the amount of $120,000 is earmarked for continued design work for the bike path phases 2a and 2b. "We've contributed enough." He said that the need for spending in the category of housing had not been done at all with the exception of a small grant ($12,000) given some years ago for a study of the town's affordable housing needs. He said he asked the former town administrator for the report, but that was not forthcoming. He said that the CPA housing category currently holds $256,000.

Earlier in the meeting, Town Counsel Matt Thomas met with the committee to explain two new P.I.L.O.T. (payment in lieu of taxes) programs, one for Bowman Road Next Grid Solar Article 19 and another for Brownell Boat Yard Article 20. Thomas explained that Mattapoisett's new Home Rule petition, which went into effect in July, allows the town to negotiate a 20-year payment plan with commercial energy-producing entities giving, both them and the town a dependable payment schedule. The FY23 schedule shows a P.I.L.O.T. combined total for these two sites of $270,726 for Year 1 of the plan.

The full Spring Town Meeting warrant may be viewed along with supporting narratives and

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The work of the Finance Committee is now concluded for the FY23 budget. The Spring Town meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium.

Simple Majority Gets Board Support

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Monday night's final public meeting for Chairman Will Saltonstall and member Joe Rocha as members of the Marion Planning Board was a marathon lasting nearly three hours and addressed a key vote to be taken at the May 9 Town Meeting.

The discussion on a Request for Determination of Eligibility pursuant to House Bill 40, Section 5, for 0 and 78 Wareham Road would end in a 5-1 vote recommending that a simple majority vote would be needed to approve the zoning change that developer Matt Zuker seeks so he can build his "The Cottages" townhouse-style residential development near the Weweantic River.

Board member Norm Hills sent the members a summary on the background, law and discussion on the measure that allows town officials to vote for a simple majority.

Hills cited the density planned by Zuker, the resultant open space and the maintenance of the riverfront as one piece of property that "won't be chopped up into little pieces." Acknowledging no bus or train service, he pointed out Route 6 improvements such as the bike path and pedestrian destinations within three-qaurters of a mile in both directions.

"In my opinion, this checks off enough things that we should be able to approve this as a simple majority vote," he said.

Planning Board member Eileen Marum echoed the sentiment and at the suggestion of Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee, read into the record her statement of the eligibility of the location and its suitability for a residential multi-family district.

While Rocha and Planning Board member Jon Henry also approved the project for a simple majority vote, member Alanna Nelson did not.

Nelson said she approved of Zuker's project but citing what she interprets as an unintended fit vis-a-vis the state's intentions to use the tool for population growth around public transit, was the lone dissenting vote. Nelson articulated concern that future projects would target the tool to sidestep the super majority regularly required for a zoning change.

Chris Collings, a River Road resident and neighbor to Zuker's project, recused himself the vote.

During public comment, Tucker Burr, who is running for Planning Board in the May 13 Town Election, voiced his objection to the measure, as did John Rockwell.

Rockwell, the chairman of the Open Space Acquisition Commission, stated that zoning changes should be difficult. He quoted television host Geraldo Rivera to say, "Marion is great, there's nothing here." Rockwell also pointed to last year's failure of the zoning change on Town Meeting floor. "Where's the respect for Town Meeting?" he asked.

Guey-Lee said the project's eligibility is a tool for the Planning Board and not a hidden loophole. "It's out there in the open, it's state law," he said. "Even with the eligibility tag, it could still be voted down at Town Meeting, by a simple majority."

Town Administrator Jay McGrail appeared at the meeting seeking a non-binding endorsement of a Preferred Development Plan for 7 Barnabas Road

currently owned by Lockheed-Martin.

McGrail said Lockheed-Martin is planning to put property on the market in the next few weeks. Having worked with the Affordable Housing Trust, using a Community Preservation Act grant to contract consultants to make recommendations, the intention is to send the plan to Lockheed-Martin as a marketing tool with the support of the Planning and Select boards.

Peter Flinker of Dodson & Flinker, Inc. made a presentation on the subject, displaying a "cottage community" in the undeveloped part of the site with a central clubhouse. There would be open spaces with parking off to the side. Flinker compared the design to the Red Mill Village in Norton.

The town, clarified McGrail, will never own the property, but if it can work in partnership with developers to realize the kind of growth that officials believe Marion needs, then it's a worthwhile endeavor.

Collings asked about the adjacent Cushing Community Center as part of the campus rebuilt to meet the needs and modernized. McGrail said that idea is "on the table. ... That Community Center is going to be a linchpin of that entire area."

"My qualifier is what is the appropriate scale for the project. I want to see Marion maintain some industrial (space) for when they need it in 20 years. We don't want to force this development on the town, but we want to advance it in a thoughtful way," said Saltonstall, who was part of the taskforce with McGrail.

Henry chimed in slowly, "Build a casino."

During public comment, local developer Sherman Briggs suggested the board ought to think about building to the contours of the property and "build so they really fit into the land," he said. "You've got to be creative with your stormwater or you're going to clear every tree. ... That land has got a lot of contours to the area."

In a continued public hearing, a proposed zoning change to Section 230-8.2 Water Protection District, Zoning Map updates, was approved by the board.

During public comment, Briggs said he would like to see documentation on the testing of water at the town's old landfill. Citing a stream that abuts the old dump, Briggs asserted that the board's priorities are in the wrong place.

A presubmission conference with applicant Varut Phimolmas, who owns Cilantro Thai Restaurant, ended with a plan to continue gaining information on the premise that the applicant's dealings with the Zoning Board of Appeals will yield more guidance for the Planning Board.

Phimolmas plans to change usage of the building at 290 Front Street from retail sporting goods to a new location for his restaurant. Sitting in a residentially zoned district, sporting goods is considered an existing nonconforming use, and Phimolmas already applied to the ZBA. The ZBA next hears the case on May 26.

Saltonstall advised Phimolmas to "really dig into the flood-zone issue" because the base value of the building is very low. Saltonstall said the critical issue is elevation relative to the flood zone and that the building may not be compliant.

Board members publicly thanked Saltonstall and Rocha for their many hours of service to the board.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 16, at 7:00 pm.

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Cell-Tower Proposal Faced with Petition

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals' decision regarding granting a special permit for a 190-foot, monopole-style telecommunications tower facility on High Street will have to wait a little while longer.

Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC seeks a special permit to reduce the required setback distance of 200 feet from other property lines by 50 percent or to 100 feet. The project's representatives have argued in the hearing that the tower would sit on land owned by A.D. Makepeace, and the closest adjacent property would be 521 feet away.

Attorney Donald Nagle, who represents 19 of the proposed tower's neighbors and has given the Zoning Board of Appeals a petition signed by 54 neighbors voicing their opposition, has argued the tower would constitute an industrial use of a residential neighborhood and that the petitioner's setback request doesn't comply with town bylaws.

The zoning panel on April 28 reopened its hearing into the permit request in order to review more public-comment correspondence on the issue, and it ended with a vote to continue the decision until Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 pm.

The board decided that for the May 4 meeting two draft decisions will be submitted by Town Counsel Blair Bailey for the panel to choose from, one based on a yes-vote decision and the other based on a no-vote determination.

Bailey said he has a draft decision ready. The board said they prefer having draft decision(s) in front

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of them before they take their final vote. Bailey agreed to prepare two decisions covering both vote directions.

In other action, the board swiftly approved a variance request from Greenwood "Woody" Hartley and Sharon Hartley, who were appealing the requirement that the minimum lot size be 30 percent of the existing living space because of their proposal to expand their home lot, 149 Marion Road, into a multifamily dwelling with an attached garage.

Woody Hartley successfully argued a first-floor living space will be easier for them as they grow older. They will reside in the attached garage, and their adult daughter who is moving back home, will live in the main two-story house.

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The Zoning Board's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 pm.

Septic Repair Comes with Cost

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

A vote of approval by the Marion Conservation Commission on April 27 was a hollow victory for Omegon Nominee Trust in a Negative Determination of Applicability to upgrade two, existing, failed cesspools to Title 5 compliance with the installation of a 1,500-gallon concrete septic tank and chamber leaching area at 28 Landing Road.

Commissioner Jeff Doubrava questioned the necessity of the denitrification system since there is no change in ownership.

Referring to the Board of Health septic bylaw, project representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. told Doubrava that while he agreed with the way Doubrava read the bylaw, he has since been denied such a variance in the vetting of an unrelated septic upgrade.

"They won't grant you a waiver, even if it's for a repair," said Davignon, in whose estimation the denitrification system will require an additional $7,000 plus maintenance costs.

The three-bedroom house is, according to Davignon, an older home with an older septic system that has experienced a hydraulic failure. "The owner is looking to get this taken care of as soon as possible," he said.

Commissioners visited the site on April 23.

Proposed is a Title 5 system with a 1,500-gallon tank, a fast system, a denitrification system and a new leaching field. Davignon said the project will require repouring the base of the patio.

"We've done the best we can. If we do test pits further up the hill, we're going to get the same result," said Davignon, noting the cost of the project.

Mathew Shultz was voted an Order of Conditions for his Notice of Intent to install a 38x16-foot swimming pool, patio area, associated fence and landscaped areas as well as an addition/expansion on the deck with a new landing at 459 Point Road.

A site visit was held on April 23, noting that the work is in the buffer zone but will not be any closer than 50 feet from the resource areas.

Representative Chris Merrill of Merrill Engineers summarized the work planned around the single-family house presently on the lot. He said a silt sock will be installed to protect the resource areas until the work is finished. He also pointed out on his site plan the various wetland markers and a cedar fence that will surround the

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project.

Commissioner Jeff Doubrava examined the potential of pool drainage toward the perennial stream. Walsh agreed there should be an ongoing condition that the pool drainage be controlled away from the perennial stream.

Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee visited the site in advance of the April 27 meeting and reported compliance with Marion regulations.

Commissioner Emil Assing recommended the members vote for conditions to request the owner maintain a minimum of 20 feet of additional siltation fencing or 10 hay bales on site and avoid draining the pool toward the perennial stream.

Jonathan and Jill Castle were voted an Order of Conditions for their Notice of Intent to raze an existing garage and shed and construct additions to a single-family home with a connector to a new garage with associated site work including a new driveway and parking areas, new site drainage and the addition of 1 to 4 feet of fill at 406 Point Road.

Walsh said the hearing was continued to have the landscape architect submit the landscape plan and also have representative Rick Charron note on his engineering plans for the hardscape. Charron noted that the applicant is also seeking a variance from the Board of Health from setback requirements.

Special conditions were made relative to erosion control and stormwater runoff. All conditions under roads were eliminated.

In other business, the commissioners discussed authorizing agents to sign on behalf of commissioners after votes. Doubrava said, years ago, the commissioners each signed a document subject to their review. "Now we sign a blank check," he said. "I'm not trying to assert anything," but Doubrava said checks and balances are already not what they once were, and the measure would further erode that sense of assurance. The Conservation Commission is awaiting a response from Town Counsel on the matter.

The commission voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the Marion Department of Public Works for drainage-swale work done at 102 Front Street.

John and Pamela Lees requested a continuance on their Notice of Intent for the reconstruction of a single-family house, including an inground swimming pool along with repair of a seawall, at 49 Water Street. The commission voted to continue the public hearing to May 11 at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 pm.

Decades-Old Covenant Released

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Monday night's brief Mattapoisett Planning Board meeting found the members looking at a 1987 subdivision

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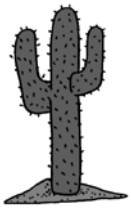

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roadway covenant for a project that never took place.

Outgoing member Janice Robbins said that while combing through files in the Planning Board office, she happened upon an unreleased roadway covenant for Brookside Estates, a subdivision that would later be absorbed into another project along Appaloosa Lane off River Road. Robbins said that a subsequent subdivision was filed with a different road covenant and that the earlier encumbrance should have been released when the newer filings were made. She asked Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker to call for a vote to release the 1987 covenant. When the vote was taken, all were in agreement.

Waivers for the Park Lane two-lot subdivision as

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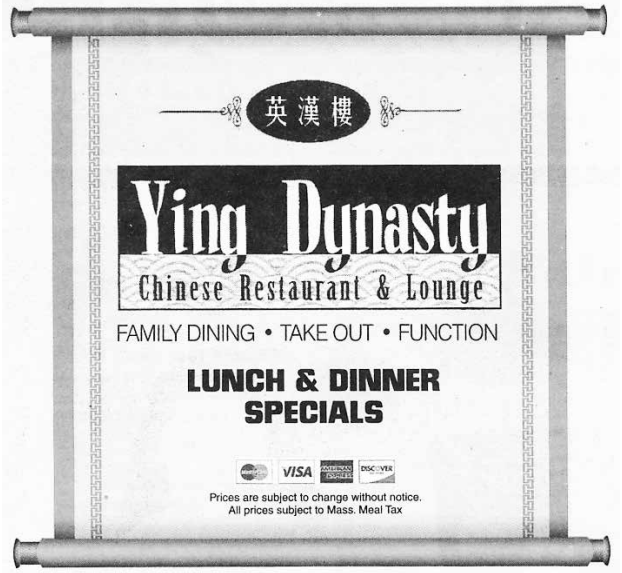

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represented by David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., were granted and the public hearing closed. Those waivers included that the subdivision standards be waived for sidewalks, length of dead-end streets and that a hammerhead design of dead-end street be permitted. Davignon also pointed out that peer-review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering reviewed the plans positively, as had the Highway and Fire departments. Robbins said she would write the decision in the next few days.

Dandy Realty Trust's Nicky Lane roadway for a subdivision was closed to future public comment, as Robbins noted the numerous continuances the project has requested and received. While the board voted to grant a continuance to June 6 and an extension to June 30, the motion also included that this would be the final such action taken by the board.

As the night's business wrapped up, Robbins, who has declined to run for reelection to the board, said of her time as a member, "It's been a good experience, but the last year has been very stressful." She has publicly stated that a lack of clerical support and lack of an experienced town planner has pushed the board to take on unplanned responsibilities with much work pending.

Tucker said, "You've contributed so much to this board." Member Karen Field thanked Robbins for her expertise and thorough, detailed work. Member Arlene Fidalgo said, "You are much appreciated."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 16, at 7:00 pm.

New Members See Solar Go Underground

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission approved an underground connection to solar power on Old Middleboro Road and gained two new members on Tuesday night.

Middleboro Road solar-farm developer Solar MA Project Management, LLC's original plan was to install utility poles down the length of Old Middleboro Road to a homeowner there. Tuesday night, company representatives proposed being allowed to bury the utility connections underground instead.

"We decided the best path forward was changing from above-ground to below, using PVC pipe and pumps for the water we will encounter," consultant Austin Turner said.

Turner said this is a better alternative than the homeowner being cut off from access to the street by falling utility poles in a storm and having to cut down trees in the area.

The Conservation Commission approved this plan after receiving assurances the work will be under the road surface and will not disturb the existing culverts.

The roadwork proposal was acceptable, Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Gerrior explained later, because Old Middleboro Road is already an unpaved dirt road.

The board's most impactful action Tuesday, however, came before this vote. As the meeting began, Mike Gifford was appointed as a new full member. Gifford has been a resident for 65 years, he said, and is the third of his generation to reside in the town. He is retired after working 42 years in the defense industry, for Sippican, Inc. and Lockheed Martin.

Bill Clapp was appointed as a new associate member. Clapp said he has been a resident most of his life. He is retired from a career in the finance and accounting field.

Ironically, associate member Clapp was able to sit at the board's table on Tuesday, but new full member Gifford was not allowed to do so because he has not yet been sworn in.

In other action, the commission approved the compliance certificate for work to remove a trailer and block storage at 68 Bowens Lane that had been built within the 25-foot, no-disturb zone adjacent to an intermittent stream and to restore 2,735 square feet of that land.

The commission had tabled a decision on this project at its last meeting in order to verify the work had been done. Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly said that after visiting the site, she has seen the work has been done. "The trailer and storage are long gone," she said. "The area is marked by boulders and hydroseed."

The commission also approved scheduling a site visit to the MBTA facility at Routes 58 and 28 on Friday, May 6, at 9:00 am.

The commission's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, 476 North Avenue.

Agent Replacement Requires Strategy

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

A technical glitch that prematurely knocked the April 21 remote-access, public meeting of the Marion Board of Health offline was resolved with a special meeting called for April 27.

In that subsequent meeting, the board officially closed unfinished business from April 21 and further developed its discussion on a strategy to replace Health Agent Ana Wimmer, who recently resigned.

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"All of us agree that it's more than a 19-hour position," said Board of Health member Dr. Ed Hoffer.

Chairperson Dot Brown proposed hiring a part-time agent for all but septic-related work and contracting a consultant to do the septic work, suggesting that the applicant would pay for the consultant to look at the application. The part-time health agent would still need to help with the paperwork.

The premise is that going forward, the health-agent position would hold the potential to grow into a full-time job.

Brown said that Public Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais did "a beautiful job establishing a checklist" for such an arrangement, but Town Administrator Jay McGrail said the financial mechanism to execute it would require more information.

In questioning whether the town can legally set up a 53G account for this purpose (as is commonly done for the sake of hiring peer-review consultants to advise town boards and commissions that adjudicate cases at the applicants' expense,) McGrail noted that the money would go to general fund. The Board of Health, he said, has a revolving fund with a $70,000 cap earmarked for vaccine.

Should the town opt to establish another revolving fund, it would require a vote at Town Meeting for approval.

Meantime, the Board of Health would have to get a proposal from a consultant to verify the adequacy of a proposed fee.

"George (Heufelder of the Barnstable County Environmental Health Division) has been reviewing Marion's septic plans," said Brown. "He is potentially the person who could do it, too."

Hoffer anticipates citizen pushback on the proposal, while Brown wondered aloud if the application fee could be applied toward an associated consultant's fee.

McGrail suggested advertising for the health-agent job, taking stock of the candidates and then based on that, determine a long-term strategy to shape the role.

"We can maybe work on this too. Who does the reporting to whom?" asked Board of Health member Dr. John Howard, alluding protocols and procedures. "It's a good time to deal with those two issues."

Howard said that for many years Marion had a part-time health agent and that "things did go well."

Hoffer disagreed, pointing to the situation at 464 Front that "stewed and festered" because it was put to the back burner and "not handled properly by our previous part-time person."

Howard said he does not want to look back at what went wrong but to the future.

"I think there's definitely a case for more than 19 hours. Things change, positions change and needs change," said McGrail.

Brown said Marion has not digitally recorded septic information to this point. "It's an expense that's there because we haven't taken the time to do things in a better way and have that information available," she said, noting that the town does not have a map of all the septic systems.

Going forward, said Brown, Marion should be recording all work. I/A (denitrification) systems are followed up by Barnstable County, "but we have to make sure we give them all our information. ... There's still a lot of records there that are not updated," she said.

"These are reasons why we need additional hours," said McGrail who said he would post the same part-time job by April 29.

McGrail and one board member would screen candidates, after which interviews would be conducted.

Desmarais said that (former health agent) Dave Flaherty is currently assisting the town but does not have time for food inspections.

In other business, the board revoted and reaffirmed its denial of a variance at 6 Derby Lane, where applicants James and Cathy Tripp were looking to avoid the purchase of denitrification septic system contrary to Marion's regulation as it applies to any new septic construction in town. The member then voted to close that public hearing.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, at 4:00 pm.

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Gross Comes Back Strong from Injury

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' track team got off to a strong start this spring season, kicking off the spring season with dominant wins over Apponequet and Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. However, there was one valuable asset that the boys' team was missing: sprinter Colby Gross.

Gross was a standout athlete for the Bulldogs during the indoor season. He placed third in the 300 meters at the Division 4 championship with a time of 36.46 seconds, before running the 400 meters at the New Balance Indoor National Championship in New York. A foot injury kept him from running his best in that race and forced him to miss the opening portion of the outdoor season, but on April 28, he made his return in the Bulldogs' meet against Somerset Berkley.

In his first race back, Gross came in second place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.1, finishing just short of teammate Leo Schiappa's 11.0. Gross followed up with a dominant win in the 200 meters, winning the race by a wide margin with a time of 22.5 seconds.

Also contributing to the win was Schiappa, who on top of his 100 win also took first in the 400 and long jump. Sam Balsis came in first for the 400 hurdles, while Jackson Veugen picked up a win in the 2 mile, and John Kassabian won the high jump. Murray Copps, Aidan Silk and Veugen swept the mile, while Copps, Kassabian and Matthew Curry did the same in the 800.

The girls' team also continued their streak with a dominant 83-47 win. The Bulldogs will have their only home meet of the season on Thursday, May 5, when they host conference rival Dighton-Rehoboth at 3:45 pm.

Baseball

The Bulldogs went 1-1 in their final two games of April, defeating Seekonk on April 27 before taking a 7-2 loss to Somerset Berkley on April 29. ORR kicked off May with a 7-6 win on Monday over Apponequet. The Bulldogs will visit Joseph Case on Friday, May 6, in Swansea.

Girls Lacrosse

Following their first loss of the season to Dartmouth, the Lady Bulldogs bounced back with two big wins. On April 27, they defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 14-4, in Mattapoisett and followed up the win with a 16-7 victory over Fairhaven on April 29. The Lady Bulldogs hosted Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on Wednesday and will host Weymouth on Saturday, May 7.

Boys Lacrosse

The boys' lacrosse team continued to extend its win streak last week. On April 27, the Bulldogs visited Dighton-Rehoboth and picked up a 7-4 win. On April 29, they hosted Fairhaven and defeated the Blue Devils, 6-5. ORR visited Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on Wednesday and will visit Seekonk on Wednesday, May 11.

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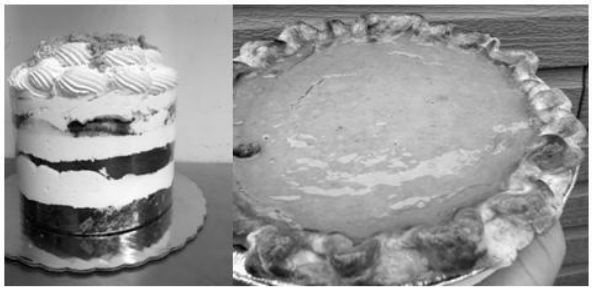
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To the Editor;

The Mattapoisett Public Schools serve 439 of our town's children each day– children with a wide range of strengths, needs and hopes. They are vibrant and empirically successful hubs of our community, far from the "money pits" on a "feeding frenzy" portrayed by the Finance Committee during the budget process.

The School Committee's budget poses a modest 1.7% increase while inflation has risen to roughly 7%, which is a testament to the School Committee's work to responsibly allocate taxpayer funds. Investing in our schools is a Mattapoisett tradition that has long paid dividends to all taxpayers in the form of high property values; people perceive our town as a desirable place to live in part because of the success of our schools.

After certifying nearly two million dollars in free cash last fall and setting our property tax rate comfortably below our levy limit for consecutive years, it's clear that Mattapoisett can continue fiscally responsible leadership without making cuts to schools.

The concern about the cost of maintaining two elementary schools is a prudent one, and that debate belongs outside of the budget process. None of our current educators or children had any say in a long-ago decision to support two campuses, but they would certainly be the ones bearing the impact of cuts.

We ask that the voters of Mattapoisett maintain their tradition of supporting our excellent public schools and vote for the budget that the School Committee recommends by attending Town Meeting on May 9.

Signed,

Sara Jacobsen, Mattapoisett Educators Association

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To the Editor;

Towns, cities, states and countries around the world have pledged to slow the climate crisis. If our collective global society cannot sufficiently reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases (mainly from burning coal, oil and methane) to level off their concentrations in the atmosphere, the Earth will warm further, and the extreme weather events dominating headlines in recent years will worsen. This is the unanimous warning from bonafide climate scientists.

While the situation is dire and solutions must move quickly, there is no silver bullet. We must pull out all the stops to address this emergency that affects each and every one of us, but especially those who are least responsible for causing it: those with few resources to adapt to change or to recover from calamity when it strikes. The onus is on all of us to do our parts.

Massachusetts has committed to becoming a "net-zero" state by 2050, meaning that emissions from industry, power plants and transportation must be balanced by carbon-absorbing forests, wetlands and perhaps new technological solutions. This is no small feat. But Marion has several opportunities in development today that can help the state, and indeed ALL of us, achieve this goal:

-- New municipal buildings: Plans are well underway for a new Harbormaster's office and Department of Public Works building. The residents of Marion should insist these are built to as near net-zero energy standards as possible. Yes, it costs a bit more at first, but the savings to taxpayers long-term far exceed the initial higher cost. Think solar panels on roofs, heat pumps for heating and cooling, efficient insulation and smart temperature controls. Massachusetts provides grants to municipalities for these sorts of energy-saving measures.

-- New housing developments: At least four major new housing developments are in the planning stages. All of these could and should be built to net-zero energy standards. Our membership in the Green Communities Program already requires adherence to the "stretch" building code, but residents could encourage solar panels on every suitable roof, heat pumps for heating and cooling, high-quality insulation and underground utilities to reduce power outages.

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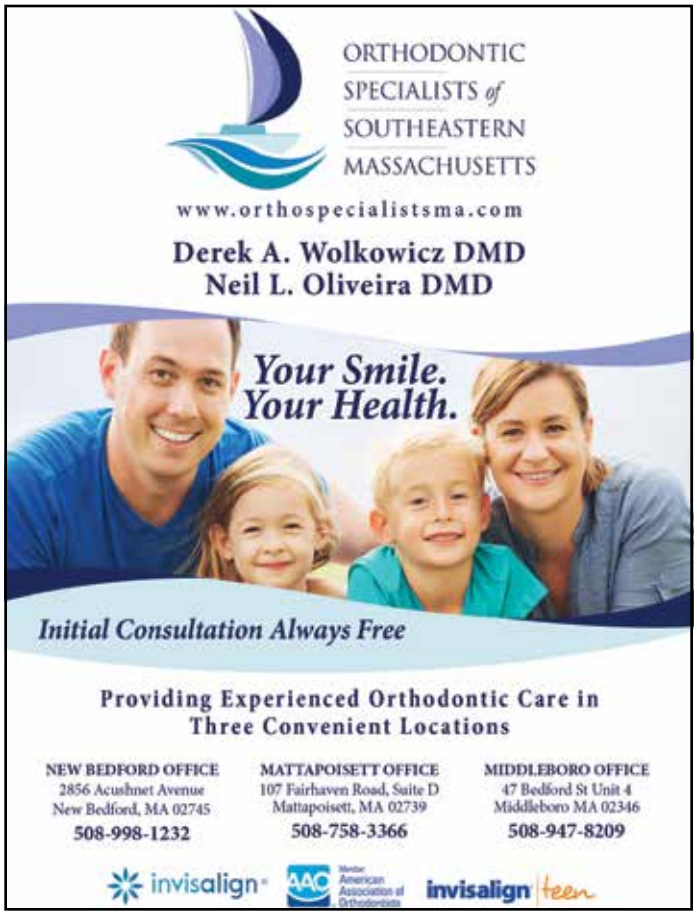

The climate crisis belongs to all of us, and it's up to all of us to address it. Let's use these opportunities to show that Marion is a leader, not a lagger. Our children and theirs will thank us.
Jennifer Francis

To the Editor;

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee would like to thank the Highway Department and Tree Warden for planting two trees at the Police Station for Arbor 2022. Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer and his crew, along with Tree Warden Roland Cote, were instrumental in the placement and planting of the trees.

One of the trees, a white Magnolia, was planted and a plaque was placed to recognize the Town's first responders and emergency personnel. We would also like to thank Police Chief King for his support and assistance over the past several months.
Sandra Hering
Chairperson, Mattapoisett Tree Committee

To our fellow residents of Marion:

On **May 9**, we have the opportunity to officially welcome tax-paying residents with a positive impact on our town by voting YES on Article 40 and adopting Fieldstone Lane and Village Drive as public ways.

When we vote YES on Article 40 at Town Meeting, we are siding with nurses, first responders, veterans, young professionals, retired grandparents and families with kids at Sippican and other district schools.

When one votes NO on Article 40, they are voting against their fellow tax-paying Marion residents. Since 2017, Fieldstone Lane has contributed roughly half a million dollars in taxes to the town. As proud tax-paying Marion residents, we support, donate and participate in our local community.

While we were promised by the Town Manager a report to our neighborhood detailing issues that officials have with the road, we have still not received one, despite several requests.

From what we can tell in his remarks to the media, the Town Manager has expressed his concern for a "major problem ... with the Hammerhead T-shaped dead end."

Yet, the Marion Fire Department visited our street recently with their largest ladder truck to perform a turnaround, and they were quoted as being quite pleased with the configuration and its safety, especially as compared to others they have encountered in the town.

What's more, Waste Management has collected our trash and recycling with zero issues. A wide variety of carriers routinely deliver our packages. This road has been plowed for five years without any incident. And maintenance is expected to be a nonfactor for at least 15 years, according to the developer, due to the road's newness.

We are your friends, neighbors and fellow

residents. We pay full property taxes and water bills. Please tell our representatives we deserve equal rights and privileges when you vote on **May 9**.

Thank you,
Tia Getty on behalf of the Sippican Woods neighbors

To the Editor:

It is critical that Mattapoisett voters understand the FY23 Mattapoisett Elementary Schools Budget that has been recommended by the Mattapoisett School Committee, which represents a modest increase for next school year. The proposal is a level-service budget that aims to maintain the current resources and does not include recommendations for any new positions or programming.

If the proposed budget is not approved at Town Meeting on May 9th, the School Department will have no choice but to layoff teachers and support staff to balance the budget. As a result, our class sizes could increase, electives (i.e. art, music, technology) may become more limited, and special education and student service supports would be negatively impacted.

The recent vote held by the Mattapoisett Finance Committee to not support the proposed budget is not only disappointing, but disheartening.

The Mattapoisett School Committee facilitates a thorough budget development process open to the general public and involves ongoing communication

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with the Town Administrator, Finance Committee, and Select Board. Four Budget Sub-Committee meetings were held in accordance with open meeting laws leading to the Public Budget Hearing that was held on April 4. The School Department met with the Finance Committee and Select Board to discuss the proposed budget, hear feedback, and answer questions. Throughout the process, documentation was shared including a line-item budget, class-size data, etc. These efforts are made to collaborate and ensure the process is comprehensive and transparent not only to town officials but the community at large.

The Mattapoisett School Committee wishes to address certain topics discussed at recent Finance Committee meetings. First, no school administrator's salary increase has been determined for FY23, and no school administrator received more than a 3% salary increase in FY22. Second, the building administration will remain a two-person team with one school administrator overseeing the day-to-day operations at Center and Old Hammondtown schools. Lastly, the current number of school-choice students enrolled in Mattapoisett Elementary Schools does not impact the number of teachers needed, nor does it influence current staffing needs at Center or Old Hammondtown but does generate additional revenue per state reimbursement rates.

We urge Mattapoisett voters to prevent staffing cuts and reduction of programming by supporting the school budget at the May 9 Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium.

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ORCTV 2022 Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community Television will hold its annual meeting on Monday, **June 6** at 5:00pm at the ORCTV Studio located at 135 Marion Rd., Mattapoisett. This meeting will include the election of members to the organization's Board of Directors.

2022 Board of Director's Nomination Slate
Marion Nominee - Bill Tilden - 2 yr. term
Rochester Nominee - Erin Bednarczyk - 2 yr. term
Mattapoisett Nominee - Tim Smith – 2 yr. term
Membership Seat - Nancy Sparklin - 1 yr. term

Marion's Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession

The 2022 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 30** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front St, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The 2022 procession and remembrances will follow same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial, the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion."

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. Our Guest Speaker is Jack McLean, author of Loon: A Maine Story and United States Marine Corps Veteran. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Major Andrew Bonney of

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The featured speaker is Jack McLean, author of Loon: A Marine Story (Random House, 2009,) a National Best-Selling memoir about his service in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He served as an infantry corporal in Vietnam in 1967-1968. In the fall of 1968, he became the first Vietnam War combat veteran to matriculate at Harvard University. His thirty-year marketing career began with the New York Mets. After subsequent stops in Boston, Portland, Charlotte and Washington, DC, he became the Founding Managing Partner of the Greater Washington Initiative. Jack has recently completed his second book, Three Survivors: A Veteran Story.

Raised in Summit, NJ, Jack is married, has three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one dog. He currently resides in Huntington, NY.

We encourage Residents are encouraged to join us for the remembrances as well as stand along the procession parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Free Community Shred Event

A free, community Shred Event will be held on Saturday, **June 4**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center parking lot, 465 Mill Street, Marion. Securely dispose of your unwanted papers and keep your identity safe and out of the trash. This is a free event. We do ask that you bring a non-perishable donation for the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center Food Pantry.

Matt Congo Hosts Immigration Forum

Immigration is constantly in the news these days. Mattapoisett Congregational Church invites the community to an Immigration Forum on Sunday, **May 15** at 4 pm in Reynard Hall at the church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Come and be educated about immigrant issues in our area and learn about volunteer opportunities and other ways to help. Guest panels will include Helena DaSilva Hughes from the Immigrants Assistance Center, Corinn Williams from the Community Economic Development Center and Mali Lim of the Southcoast Afghan Welcome Network. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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Rochester Affordable Housing

Rochester Affordable Housing, Inc. (RAHI), the non-profit organization for truly affordable housing for Rochester Seniors and Veterans is holding a one-hour educational seminar on **May 7** at the Rochester Council of Aging (COA), 66 Dexter Lane starting at 10:00 am. Among the speakers will be Senator Michael Rodrigues addressing what the State is doing in regards to Affordable Housing.

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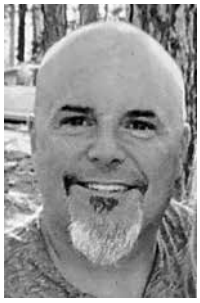

Robert D. Sylvia, Jr., age 52, of Mattapoisett, MA died of COVID on December 4, 2021 in Tucson, AZ. He attended Mattapoisett schools and graduated from Old Rochester Regional in 1987. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Xavier University in 1991. Bob worked as Director of Operations at Papa John's for the past 28 years.

He is survived by his parents, Bob and Lynn Sylvia of Mattapoisett, his brothers Daniel and Mark, his beloved wife, Laurie, their children Sydney, Nathan, Maya, Karina, Kendall, Katelyn, Makenna and Kara and Grandchildren Paisley and Stella and numerous extended family members and friends.

Bob had deep roots in the community, a rich family life and was full of genuine love for all who knew him…he will be greatly missed by all. A Memorial Service will be held May 15th – for details, please contact the family.

Mary E. Roberts, of Rochester, passed away May 1, 2022 at the age of 69, after a long illness.

Mary grew up in Bridgewater and graduated from Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, Class of 1970. She was an active alumna and helped plan many of her class reunions. After high school, Mary became a Hair Stylist. Mary later went on to attend Fitchburg State University ('96) where she received a degree in Occupational and Vocational Education and taught in several schools in the area. Working in Cosmetology at the Island Terrace Nursing Home became the career for Mary who later became a CNA, as well as retired from a Massachusetts state-run group home for women with disabilities. Mary was a compassionate care giver to all she knew. She enjoyed going out to eat, taking trips especially to Maine, and time on the beach. Her main passion in life was her family. Planning family reunions and gatherings was an essential part of Mary's life. Mary will be remembered for her caring and positivity personality. She will be sadly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Loving wife of 43 years to Lee Roberts of Rochester. Beloved daughter of Madeline Moore (Roque) of Bridgewater and the late James "Ken" Moore. Cherished sister of David Moore and his wife Wendy of Bridgewater, James "Peter" Moore and his wife Cheri of Florida and Kathleen Flaherty and her husband Shawn of Bridgewater. Adored fur mom of her dog Julie. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Visiting Hours on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 4-7 pm in the Chapman Funeral Home, Bridgewater. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 10:30 am in St. Basil Chapel, Bridgewater. Burial service to follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, Bridgewater.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary may be made to the MSPCA.

John F. Hanson, D.M.D., 87 of Mattapoisett, MA formerly of Hinsdale and Pittsfield, MA passed away peacefully on April 8, 2022. Born in Machias, Maine he was the son of the late Dr. John and Mary Hanson.

John was educated at local Machias schools and received his B. S. degree at Tufts University. He received his D.M.D. degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Since early childhood he was fascinated by the field of orthodontics and so attended and graduated from Boston University School of Postgraduate Orthodontics. John's desire was to practice in a relatively rural area and he pursued locations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and MA. He had not considered locating in Pittsfield, until by chance he drove thru the city in early spring of 1964. Pittsfield instantly felt right for him and arrangements were made to establish his practice first in the Miller Building at 184 North St., with a later move to 435 South St.

John was respected among his peers and loved by his highly esteemed staff and his many patients. He found purpose in helping others as an orthodontist and his kind and compassionate care transcended the lives of those he touched. John was a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and a charter member of the Foundation of Orthodontic Research. He was also a member of the American Association of Orthodontics, the Massachusetts Society of Orthodontics, the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society and Berkshire District Dental Society. John derived great joy and satisfaction having the good fortune to form relationships with his patients and their families. He delighted in seeing patients develop a sense of well-being and a zest for life. His greatest wish for his patients and staff was that their life was enriched by knowing him as his life was so enriched knowing them.

John had an active interest in sports and ran the N.Y.C., Newport and Boston Marathons for many years. He participated in the Josh Billings with many of his friends and always smiled at the memory of those times. He then switched his sport to cycling and joined the USCF Cycling Association. He competed across the United States and Canada winning many races in his category. After John's retirement he continued to develop his painting skills and took great joy in spending time in his art room and with his faithful companion Charlie. He enjoyed worldwide travel adventures and was rarely found without a book in his hand.

John leaves behind his wife and best friend, Dorothy

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and Veterans becomes a bigger problem each year. There are ways to help mitigate the problem, but it takes a community. Come and find out what RAHI and others have been doing.

Of interest to many is a warrant article on the May 23 Annual Town Meeting proposing a property transfer promoting affordable housing consistent with the Rochester Housing Production Plan.

For more information contact: Gianno Lettieri: Gianno_T_Lettieri@comcast.net or Mark Wellington: markwellingtonre@comcast.net

LWV Luncheon

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast will celebrate its Inaugural meeting with a special luncheon and distinguished speaker at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition in town halls, state and federal agencies and in state and federal courts. Ms. Petersen's focus is the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

Ms. Petersen is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS degree, cum laude, in Resource Economics. She received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, cum laude, and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School.

Be a part of history, visit our website and help us unveil the League's new governance model at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, **May 19** at 12:30 pm.

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast champions Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As always, the League welcomes new members.

To register for the luncheon and program, contact the League at: lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com by May 10, 2022. To view, the Luncheon/Banquet menu and cost go to: wamsuttaclub.org/functions-banquets-weddings/, scroll down to luncheons and banquets. A cash bar will be available.

MLT Welcomes New Manager

Since its inception in 1974, the Mattapoisett Land trust has always been an all-volunteer organization. Focused entirely on preserving natural resources and wildlife areas, the MLT has performed its mission so effectively - with almost 900 acres now protected - that

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with whom he shared 43 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by his beloved daughters Bethany Hanson and Steven Valleau and their son Ezekiel of Lamoine, ME, Susanne Hanson and Kurt Hiler of Boston and their three children, Trevor, Colton and Raleigh, and Anne Hanson and Tom Kafka of Los Angeles, CA and their children Helen and Fred. He is also survived by his sister Joanne Kostacopulos and his sister Sally Mulligan and her husband Raymond, Cathy and Brian Rounseville of Rochester, MA, Shaun and MaryEllen Murphy of Mattapoisett, MA, and many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his son Michael, his brother Mike and his sister Mary.

John's contribution to society and humanity were many. We will be forever thankful for his generosity, compassion, and gentle spirit. Memorial donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society or St. Mary's School in Lee, MA. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date and burial will be private.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Local Cable Programming

ORCTV

Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

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Thursday May 5, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Recovery Recreation TV
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill MacDougall
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Skip Finley - Whaling Captains
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 6, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Housing Rights with MA Attorney General's Office
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
7:00 PM Marion COA USSR Lecture
8:30 PM In the Toy Box
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 7, 2022
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM SouthCoast Matters
2:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
3:30 PM Inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Skip Finley - Whaling Captains
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Let's Talk Business
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday May 8, 2022
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joanne Mahoney
2:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday May 9, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM White House Chronicle
11:00 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
4:00 PM Marion COA USSR Lecture
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 10, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:00 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:10 PM Discovery SHENYUN
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
5:30 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Money After Military - Finding a Job
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 11, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Marion COA Strength and Balancing Exercises
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Wellness Wednesdays
2:30 PM Tax Assistance with VITA Program
3:05 PM Mattapoisett Police Chief Swear-In Ceremony
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Charles Dana Gibson - Portrait of an Illustrator
6:00 PM Let's Talk Business
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
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Daily Schedule
6:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
10:35 AM Marion Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
2:05 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition
3:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
5:00 PM Marion School Committee
6:00 PM Marine Affordable Housing Trust
7:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:00 PM Marine Planning Board
11:35 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:45 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
2:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
4:15 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 PM Rochester School Committee
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM OCTV
8:00 AM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
8:30 AM Old Colony Robotics Competition
9:00 AM Old Colony Jungle Book Play
10:00 AM Sippican School Play
11:00 AM Old Hammondtown School Autism Acceptance Month
11:30 AM Old Hammondtown School Music
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS Pep Rally
1:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Norfolk
4:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs South Shore
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Softball vs Dartmouth
8:30 PM ORR Volleyball Championship vs Dennis Yarmouth
10:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Case
11:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame 1993 Undefeated Football Team

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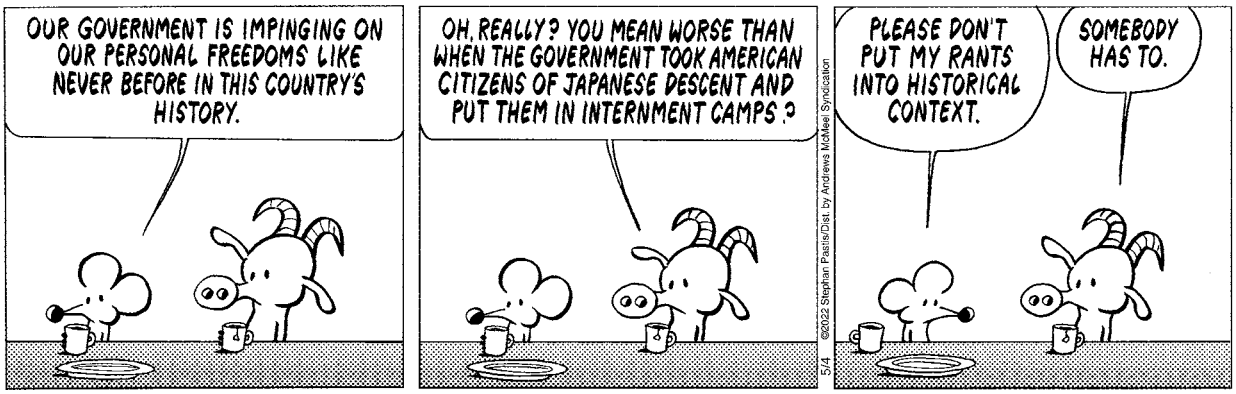

it became evident more help was needed. Enter Colleen Andrews, a Quincy native, who this month has become the MLT's first and sole employee.

The experience and qualifications Colleen brings to her role as Community Engagement and Stewardship Manager was an almost seamless match with the advertised job description, according to MLT President Mike Huguenin. "There were a lot of applicants for the position, but Colleen really stood out," he said. "We are very pleased to welcome Colleen to join our work."

A 2018 graduate with a BS in Biology from Westfield State, which included a semester in New Zealand, Colleen comes to Mattapoisett from her previous position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Cortland, New York. Prior to that, she also had a spell in Florida in Everglades National Park, monitoring the endangered Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow and has worked on Cape Cod's National Seashore monitoring endangered shorebirds. During the lengthy COVID lockdown, Colleen made good use of her time by obtaining a graduate certificate in wildlife management, online, from Oregon State University.

While adept with managing the social media aspects of her role, it was the opportunity to spend time outdoors that was a big attraction, she said. "I get restless if I'm inside too long," she said. "Mattapoisett is a beautiful place, and I'm definitely excited to get outside and get my hands dirty." Please join MLT in welcoming Colleen to Mattapoisett.

Marion Garden Group Plant Sale

The Marion Garden Group is hosting its bi-annual Plant Sale on Saturday, **May 14** from 9 am to 12 noon, at Bicentennial Park, located across the street from the

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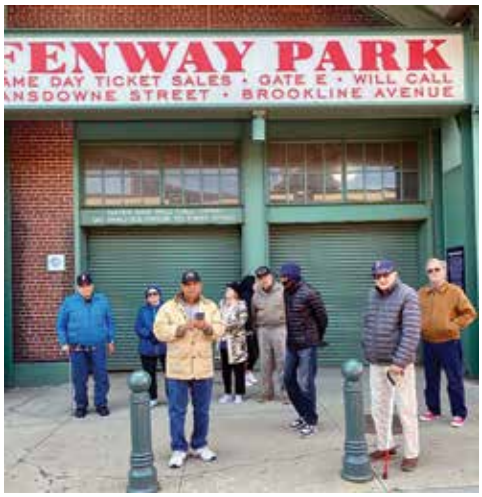
TriTown Happenings

On April 30, Marion Cub Scout Troop 32, Boy Scout Troop 32 and the Marion Girl Scouts participated in a community service project cleaning up Washburn Park. The annual service event was also attended by aspiring Eagle Scout candidate Oakley Campbell, who was receiving cans for recycling to help fund his Eagle project. Photo by Marilou Newell

Eagle on the rocks. Photo by Nancy Prefontaine



On April 28, the Marion Council on Aging toured Fenway Park. Photos courtesy of Robert Pina

Robert Randall was sworn in as Sergeant with the Mattapoisett Police Department, and three, new full-time officers, from left: Louis DaSilva, Matthew Bates and Aaron Myers, were introduced during a special meeting of the Select Board on Monday at the fire station. Chief of Police Jason King welcomed the new officers, and Randall was sworn in by Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger. Randall's daughter Madelyn, 9, applied his pin, as his son Beau, 8, looked on. A 2000 graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, Randall has spent 15 years on the force. DaSilva, 44, a Fairhaven resident with a bachelor's degree in engineering from Wentworth, was a deputy sheriff of Bristol County; Bates, 40, a longtime Mattapoisett resident who graduated from Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, worked in Rochester prior to his transfer and is an EMT; Myers, 25, a Fairhaven resident with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bridgewater State University, was part time with the Mattapoisett Police Department and graduated this year from the 71st Plymouth Police Academy. Photos by Mick Colageo

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Friends & Family Breakfast Café

EGGS*...

All egg orders include Home Fries and Toast
To substitute English Muffin or Bagel for toast – add $ .50 or for Gluten Free add $1.50
1 egg.....$3.50
2 eggs.....$3.75
3 eggs.....$4.00
Add Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Spam or corned beef hash...$1.50

OMELETTES*...

Cheese omelette.....$4.50
Add 3 veggies.....$.50
Add Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Spam or corned beef hash....$1.50

PANCAKES*

1 Pancake.....$3.50
2 Pancakes.....$3.75
3 Pancakes.....$4.00
Add fruit .....$.50
Add Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Spam or corned beef hash....$1.50
*ENJOY A BOTTOMLESS CUP OF COFFEE/TEA WITH ANY ENTRÉE!

Eggs Benedict.....$6.50

FRENCH TOAST*

1 French Toast.....$3.50
2 French Toast.....$3.75
3 French Toast.....$4.00
1 Stuffed French Toast (cream cheese, strawberry or blueberry).....$4.50
Add Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Spam or corned beef hash.....$1.50

BREAKFAST SANDWICH*

Egg, Cheese, on an English Muffin.....$3.00
Egg, Cheese, on a Bagel...$4.00
Add Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Spam or corned beef hash...$1.50

OATMEAL

1 Serving..... $2.50
2 Servings..... $2.75
Add fruit.....$ .50

SIDES

Toast.....$1.00
1 egg.....$1.00
Home Fries....$1.00
Bagel, Muffin, English Muffin...$1.50
Coffee, Tea, Milk or Juice.....$1.00

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The Friends & Family Breakfast Café is located inside of the Rochester Senior Center at 67 Dexter Lane in Rochester, MA. We are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

TriTown Happenings

On April 30, a fundraising craft fair was held at the Red Oak Garden on the site of the Helping Hands and Hooves' garden on Aucoot Road in Mattapoisett. Organic materials produced on the acreage were made into various ornamental and utilitarian items, allowing the grace and beauty of nature's bounty to shine through. HHH provides experiential learning for those with cognitive challenges. Monies earned from the event will help to defray program costs. Photo by Marilou Newell

The eagles have returned. Photos by Steve Chicco

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The Marion Natural History Museum after-school group wishes to thank Isaac Perry and the Marion Harbormasters for allowing us to view some of our native ocean birds. On April 27, we were able to make it to Bird Island to view the nesting boxes that have been set up by the state for the soon-to-arrive terns, which rely on this island as a safe spot to raise their young. The students also had a chance to climb to the top of the lighthouse to view the bay. The weather was a little too rough to reach the Bird Island, but the students enjoyed a close-up look at some of the hard-to-reach spots within Sippican Harbor and collected seashells on Meadow Island. They also had an opportunity to learn how to steer the Harbormaster's boat and caught some close-up views of two Ospreys fighting over a fish. Thanks to Isaac, Dave Wilson and the rest of the Harbormaster crew for allowing us the opportunity to learn a little more about our very special harbor and bay. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

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Marion Art Center.
The plant sale is a wonderful community service, providing a wide variety of plants at fabulously low prices. Plants will range from as little as $3 to $10.

Members have been digging, dividing and repotting a wide selection of beautiful perennial plants, herbs and shrubs that have thrived in their local gardens as well as in the town gardens sponsored by the garden group. In addition, a wonderful selection of popular herbs and veggies have been started by Chrissy Maier especially for the sale.

"We have a generous supply of hardy and well-established plants," reports Liz Hatch, President of the Marion Garden Group. They include lilies, daisies, trees, ornamental grasses, astilbes, russian sage, mums, iris, hydrangea, roses, sedum and ferns and much more!

"How wonderful that these plants," says Ms. Hatch, "will provide years of continued enjoyment. They have been proven to thrive in our coastal climate and sandy soil. What a pleasure to prepare these plants to share with our neighbors at such an affordable price. It certainly is a community service and labor of love to bring this to the townspeople."

Plant information and pictures will be provided for most of the varieties for sale. In addition, there will be an informational component to warn and inform about one of our biggest dangers in Marion – Ticks! Come buy and learn!

The plant sale has been a popular event, typically selling out quickly. Mark your calendar and come early.

All proceeds from the Marion Garden Group sale benefit the town. The Marion Garden Group plants and maintains the window boxes and planters throughout the village, they have established and maintain many lushly landscaped garden beds for the town and support many local worthy causes, all for the benefit of the town. Please come out and support our initiatives to do more for the town.

Round out your day after shopping at the plant sale by attending a SouthCoast Spring Arts @ the MAC event! The Marion Art Center is offering an outdoor Paint & Sip Workshop on Saturday, **May 14** from 1-3pm (cost is $30.) Paint your very own version of a gorgeous sunflower, led by artist Barbara Healy while sampling some great wines along the way! In the evening, you can attend a Jazz Jam in the MAC Theater from 7-9:30 pm (tickets just $12.) Improvising musicians interpret jazz standards in various style formats, led by trombonist Phil Sanborn. Join as a participating musician, or come to listen in the audience! The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. See the full 10-day schedule of Spring Arts @ the MAC events and register online at marionartcenter.org/scspringarts.

The non-profit organization welcomes donations to help support its mission. Contact them at Marion Garden Group, PO Box 403, Marion, MA 02738 or visit their website at: www.mariongardengroup.org.

Mattapoisett Museum Announces Upcoming Events

May 6, 6 pm - New Sounds of Silents with Southcoast Lessons Come on out for an evening of short films set to both improvised and newly composed pieces brought to you by Southcoast Lessons performers. Free. Space is limited, doors open at 6, show at 6:30.

May 13, 7 pm - Northwoods - A Special Homecoming Record Release Celebration Adam Hanson formerly of Mattapoisett will be playing songs from his newest album "This Never Happened." Adam graduated from Berklee College of Music and has since spent his professional years based out of Los Angeles. Since working in LA, he has spent as much time in the studio as the stage. Some of the artists Adam has worked with include David Ryan Harris of the John Mayer band, Anthony Ramos, JP Saxe, Julia Michaels, Lennon Stella, Rebecca Correia, Neal McCarthy, Will Wells, Sean Mendes, Quinn Sullivan, Amie Miriello, Kevin Garrett, and Badsnacks, among others. Tickets are $20 each and can be purchased by visiting www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events Doors at 6:30.

May 20, 6-8 pm - Open Mic Night As always, all ages, all genres are welcome. Sing a song, play a tune, do a dance, crack a joke, tell a story...The stage is yours, the musical community is all of ours to share! Free

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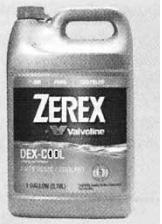

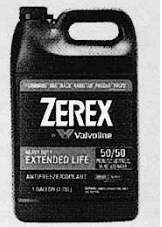

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights April 24-April 30
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Front St – Property found
- West Ave – Civil complaint
- Spring St – General service
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Bird Island – Waterways complaint
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Island Wharf Rd – Suspicious activity
- South St – 911 abandoned
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Parkway Ln – Family disturbance
- Bayview Rd – EMS/medical
- Parkway Ln - Transport
- Mill St – Paper service
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Indian Cove Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Beach St – Follow up investigation
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Old Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Doran Way – EMS/medical
- Spring St – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights April 24-April 30
- I195 East – Assist other agency
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – MV lockout
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Park St – Animal control
- Reservation Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Reservation Rd – MV lockout
- Marion Rd – Restraining order
- County Rd – Unwanted person
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Brookside Dr – Suspicious persons
- Snow Fields Rd – Summon service
- Fairhaven Rd – Property found
- Hillers Cove Ln - Complaint
- Brookside Dr – Suspicious persons
- Wildwood Ter - Complaint
- Hillers Cove Ln – Animal control
- I195 West – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Baptist St – Animal control
- Park St – MV violations
- Martin Ave – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER
Log highlights April 24-April 30
- Marion Rd – Panic alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Route 495 NB – MV fire
- Negus Way – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – General service
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – MV lockout
- Cromwell Ln – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Hartley Rd – Public assist
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Road hazard
- Pierce St – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave - Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Panic alarm
- Dexter Ln – MV lockout
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Suspicious MV - citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, May 9: Hot dog, mustard packet, baked beans, mixed veggies, hot dog bun, fresh orange
Tuesday, May 10: Beef chili, white fluffy rice, corn bread, flavored applesauce
Wednesday, May 11: mac n' cheese, tomato Florentine, wheat roll, peaches
Thursday, May 12: Roast turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce (2), whipped potato, butternut squash, oatmeal bread, strawberry shortcake, diet: low sugar cake
Friday, May 13: Meatball sub, hash browns, Tuscany blend, 6" sub roll, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, May 9: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken & rice fajita bowl, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, May 11: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, warm spiced apples
Thursday, May 12: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, May 13: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, May 9: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken & rice fajita bowl, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, May 11: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, warm spiced apples
Thursday, May 12: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, May 13: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, May 9: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken & rice fajita bowl, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, May 11: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, warm spiced apples
Thursday, May 12: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, May 13: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, May 9: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken & rice fajita bowl, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, May 11: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, warm spiced apples
Thursday, May 12: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, May 13: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, May 9: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken & rice fajita bowl, black bean & corn salad
Wednesday, May 11: Waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick, warm spiced apples
Thursday, May 12: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, May 13: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, May 9: Grilled cheese & chili
Tuesday, May 10: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, May 11: Steak & cheese sub, peppers & onions
Thursday, May 12: Build a baked potato
Friday, May 13: Assorted pizza

MLT Travels to Nantucket with ORR Science Students

On May 9, forty of Lynn Connor's ORR Marine Biology and Advanced Placement Environmental Science students will travel to The Brandt Point Shellfish Hatchery on Nantucket. The purpose of the visit is a tour and to study the Hatchery's process of spawning to grow-out, how shellfish affect water quality and methods of farming oysters. There will be Marine Biologists and specialists who will explain the importance of restoration and methodology of recording species for density and biodiversity. They will meet with Leah Cabral Hill, Assistant Shellfish Biologist of Nantucket's Natural Resources at the Hatchery, who has planned, coordinated and offered flexible time and space for the group while they are there.

"Leah Cabral Hill brought Nantucket's oyster restoration project to life." She and volunteers made sure no shell was left behind and the Natural Resources Department continues to monitor the light and temperature of the reef process. Ultimately, there will be an entirely new ecosystem, which will provide habitat for Nantucket's aquatic species.

The students will be accompanied by two of MLT's own Board Members, in the field of biology, Mary Cabral, retired ORR Biology teacher and Wendy Copps, Coastal Engineer with a Master's in the study of ecology of wetlands and ecosystems.

FoMCOA Annual Spring Luncheon

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging invite you to their Annual Spring Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on **May 12** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Menu includes: lasagna, salad, garlic bread and desserts. Guest speakers for this luncheon are Police Chief Jason King and Fire Chief Andy Murray. So mark your calendars and join us as we all welcome in the spring season. There will also be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for an original painting by Priscilla Hathaway. Registration for the luncheon is required. To register, call 508-758-4110. Hope to see you there.

Upcoming Program at Rochester Historical Society

We are really excited to be offering a program by Rochester resident, Stephen DiMarzo at our monthly meeting on **May 18** at 7:00 pm. He will be talking about the work he has done investigating petroglyphs and stone structures found in the area. The descriptions of these carvings and their connection to indigenous people will give us a look back at the ancient history that is still around us. We are looking forward to a good turnout for this special program. The museum is at 355 County Road. This also presents an opportunity to visit our current exhibit and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

Mattapoisett Lions Club Electronics & Household Appliance Recycling

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, Inc. is sponsoring another Electronics and Household Appliance Recycling Event. The event will be held **May 21** in the parking area next to Jacks Kitchen, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett, MA between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Donation receipts provided.

This event presents a great opportunity to clear out all that unwanted clutter that's accumulated in and around the house or office. All are encouraged to sort through their basement, attic, office, garage, etc. for any electronic or electric devices plus any household appliances (large and small) just collecting dust and no longer needed. Bring them to this event and for a nominal donation have them fully recycled. Pickups considered for homebound individuals.

For more information, contact Lion Bob Saunders at 508-758-4675.

Donation is required for these items (not to be included with max carload):

-$35 each, all TV's, $20 each, computers, laptops, tablets, monitors

Donation is requested for these items:

-$5 each, cell phones, land line phones and computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, speakers, drives, printers, memory cards plus video games, camera/video/audio equipment, fax/copy machines, wires, plugs

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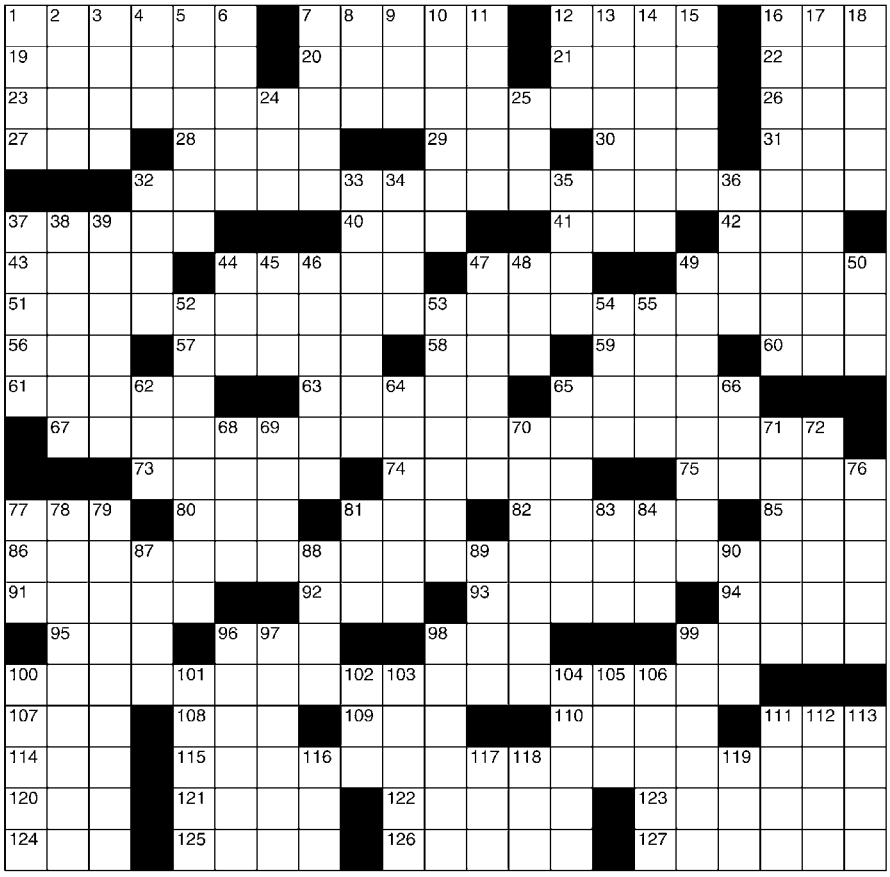
WHO TO WHO?

ACROSS
1 Otis of elevator fame
7 One-named co-star of "Crime Without Passion"
12 "Striped" fish
16 Trick-or-treating mo.
19 Sine and cosine, say
20 Korean, e.g.
21 "I smell —!"
22 Golf standard
23 Road trip between apparitions?
26 LAX guess
27 Bobby on ice
28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.
29 Darling
30 Above, in verse
31 Unrefined
32 Phone conversation between ministers?
37 Little Bighorn tribe
40 Summer mo.
41 Many millennia
42 "The Wire" channel
43 Organic compound
44 Choose as a member
47 — -Locka, Florida
49 Get back together, as alumni
51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?
56 Pointer
57 Market segment
58 A fifth of XV
59 Old fed. led by Nasser
60 Nuts are high in it
61 In the least
63 Maine city near Bangor
65 New York stage awards
67 Conga line between Arab leaders?
73 Pistons great Thomas
74 "The Chronic" rapper
75 Love a lot
77 Sahara viper
80 Soothing treatment, for short
81 One in a pod
82 Cher and Adele, voicewise
85 License plate
86 Rugs between casino high rollers?
91 Eminent
92 Publicize
93 "The — falling!"
94 Went by taxi, e.g.
95 Eminent lead-in
96 French noble
98 Multipurpose truck, in brief
99 Perfected
100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?
107 Hooter
108 Playwright Levin
109 Antagonist
110 Tara of "Sharknado"
111 Lick like a cat
114 Common co. name ender
115 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?
120 School gp.
121 Ax part
122 Pop or bop
123 Fidgets
124 Cur's noise
125 Potting dirt
126 Exhausted
127 Attack like a cur

DOWN
1 Hence
2 Lion player Bert
3 "Believe — not!"
4 Gal in the family
5 Depilatory treatment
6 Moving about
7 Myopic cartoon "Mr."
8 Pale gray
9 With 72-Down, it flows to the Gulf of Mexico
10 Very fuel-inefficient wheels
11 In first place
12 Gin joint
13 Songlike
14 Buy for less
15 Draconian
16 Regular at the Met, maybe
17 Spanish region
18 Fish with a heavy net
24 Come- — (lures)
25 Genetic stuff
32 Orange juice stuff
33 Siesta takers
34 Ballet garb
35 Back part
36 Julia Child or James Beard
37 Nasal partitions
38 Some Alaska natives
39 Repeating polka sound
44 Dernier —
45 Non-Rx
46 "Pick me! I know this!"
47 Strong pain reliever
48 Architect I.M.
49 Little-seen instance
50 Outer: Prefix
52 In the military
53 Vitamin's relative
54 Heavy brass
55 Drought relief
62 Maui wreath
64 Worrywart's cry
65 Grammy-winning Beck album of 1996
66 Caesar of TV
68 Piper's skirt
69 Tortilla treat
70 Hershey chocolate bar with crisped rice
71 Vague idea
72 See 9-Down
76 Spurred (on)
77 Barley beard
78 Store proprietor
79 Cop's vehicle
81 Chi lead-in
83 Angle lead-in
84 Photo —
87 Lewd look
88 Texas city
89 This, to Jorge
90 1982 Disney sci-fi film
96 El — (city of legend)
97 African river
98 Exhausted
99 Reveled
100 Twanging spring sound
101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena
102 Frequently, in verse
103 Inn offerings
104 Raise
105 Deep blue
106 Makes mad
111 Talk like Daffy Duck
112 Vicinity
113 "Hey ... you"
116 Wiggling fish
117 Enzyme suffix
118 Diarist Anaïs
119 Actor Butterfield of "Ender's Game"



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The often-skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you had to put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

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-$5 each, metal poles (less than 8 ft. long), metal desks, barbecue grills (no propane tanks), pots, pans and more
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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

I'm sure as you look at the picture that accompanies this article, you're thinking, "Ok, what is that?" It looks somewhat like a cross between stilts for a one-legged man and the world's biggest chopstick. Actually, this is a tool which is in the current exhibit at our museum at 355 County Rd. These calipers were commonly used in Rochester in the days of the many active sawmills.

If you look at the caliper, you see that it's comprised of a long, straight arm with two shorter ones that are perpendicular to it, and a closer look shows numbers and lines. The inner perpendicular arm has the numbers 8, 10, 12, 14 spaced along it. The longer piece has many numbers and lines on it much like a yardstick. The two perpendicular arms slide up and back on this longer piece.

In one of the Rochester journals, Florence Snell Taylor, remembering her childhood, talked about her father, Herbert Snell. He made a living as a conductor on the trolley line, but also cut hair, was a carpenter, built houses and made calipers. His daughter, aged 7 or 8, helped by painting the numbers on the calipers before her father shellacked them.

Rick Hall remembers finding one of these at a yard sale. It was homemade with scratched in numbers. Unsure what it was, but intrigued by it, he paid $2.00. Later, he passed it on to George Church who explained its use and who had always wanted to own one. The calipers were used out in the woods by sawmill companies. Acting much like a slide rule, they measured the amount of board feet in a tree.

I found the calipers that are in our exhibit hanging on the wall in the front foyer of the museum. I put them out with the other tools, hoping someone would tell me what they were and their purpose and someone (Rick Hall) did. Once again, it was brought to home to me how our Rochester history doesn't reside just in the

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 467 North Avenue, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 to consider an amendment to Chapter 22.50 "Large Scale Photovoltaic Installations" of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #804

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Frank Fletcher, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1B of the zoning by-law to allow a change of use from M (Retail) to A-2 (Restaurant) to establish a Thai restaurant.

The property, located at 290 Front Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 42.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/5, 5/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON.

Case #1490: Application of: Peter Asci & Hannah Rose Asci, 9 Highland Avenue, PC Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE:9 Highland Avenue, PC. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1., 3.1.2 and 3.2.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish and rebuild a single-family FEMA compliant dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 30, on the Assessors Map.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022

Case #1491: Application of: Richard Boynton, 296 Mohawk Road, Raynham, MA 02767 RE:32 Church Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.1, and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a 13'X 24' addition with deck. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 130, on the Assessors Map.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022

Case #1492: Application of: David Ricci, 51 Howard Street, Watertown, MA 02472 RE:0 Cove Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.1, and 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a 980 square foot FEMA compliant dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 5, on the Assessors Map.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022

Case #1493: Application of: Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc, P.O. Box 417, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 0 North Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 5.7, and 9.4.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a Photovoltaic array. The property is further described as Plot 18, Lot portion of 16C, sublot 3, on the Assessors Map.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022

Case #1494: Application of: Long Built Homes, 158 Charles McComb Boulevard, New Bedford MA 02745 RE: 0 Wildwood Terrace. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 6.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a Single-family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 195, on the Assessors Map.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 19, 2022

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan
Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 5/5, 5/12

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #805

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Paul G. and Linda L. Vivino, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow alterations to a nonconforming structure that will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3.

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While the museum is not currently open on Sundays, anyone who wishes to view the current exhibit can do so by getting in touch with Connie Eshbach 508-763-4932 or Sue LaFleur 508-295-8908. We hope to see people at our next meeting on **May 18** where the program Stories in the Stone will be presented by Jeff Stevens at 7:00 pm.

The MAC Announces Three Person Show

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibit, Profusion of Color: Abstracts, featuring works by Alyn Carlson, Pat Coomey Thornton and Pat Warwick. The exhibit runs **May 13 through June 25**. Attend the opening reception on Friday **May 13** from 5-7 pm, a SouthCoast Spring Arts @ the MAC event. During the reception, learn how each artist approaches her individual creative process, creating stunning visual compositions, which are often full of vibrant color and poetic rhythms. Through mark making, layering of

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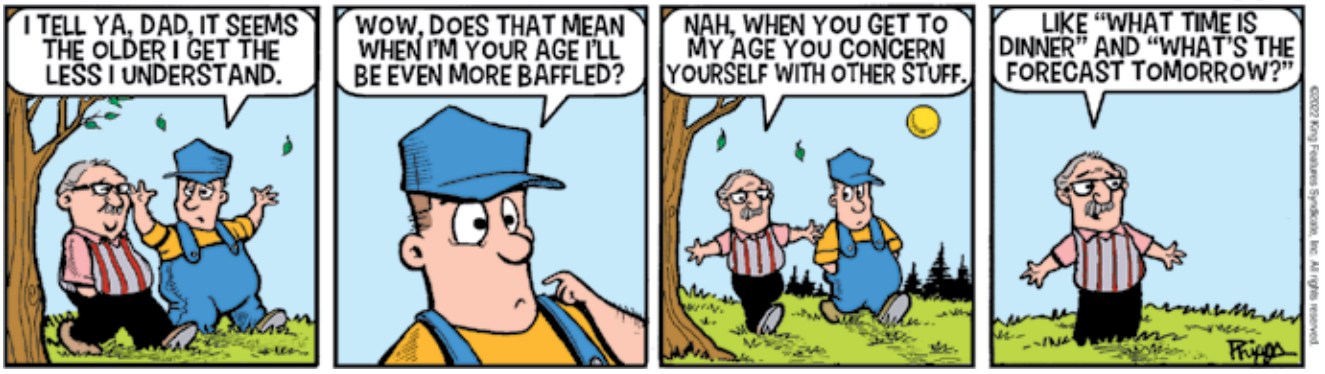
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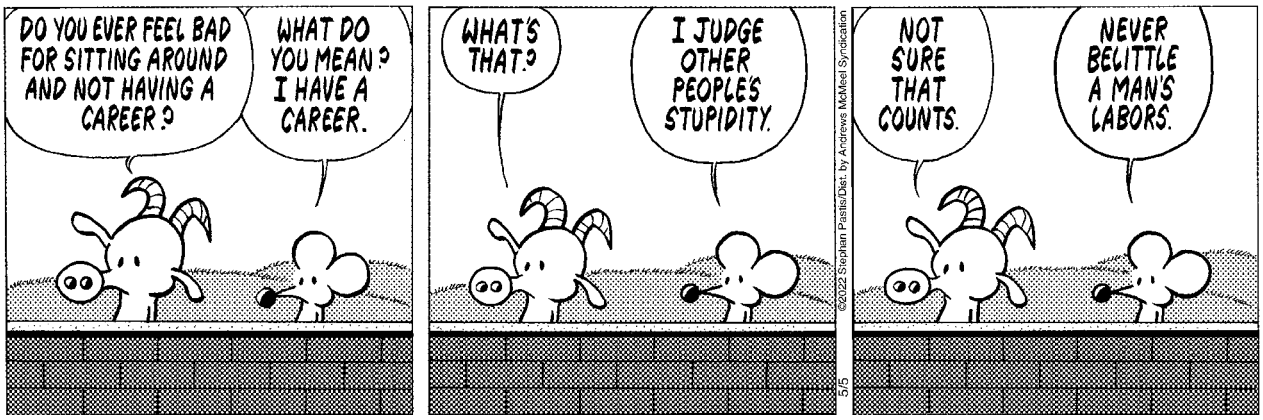

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Emily Wilson	May 5
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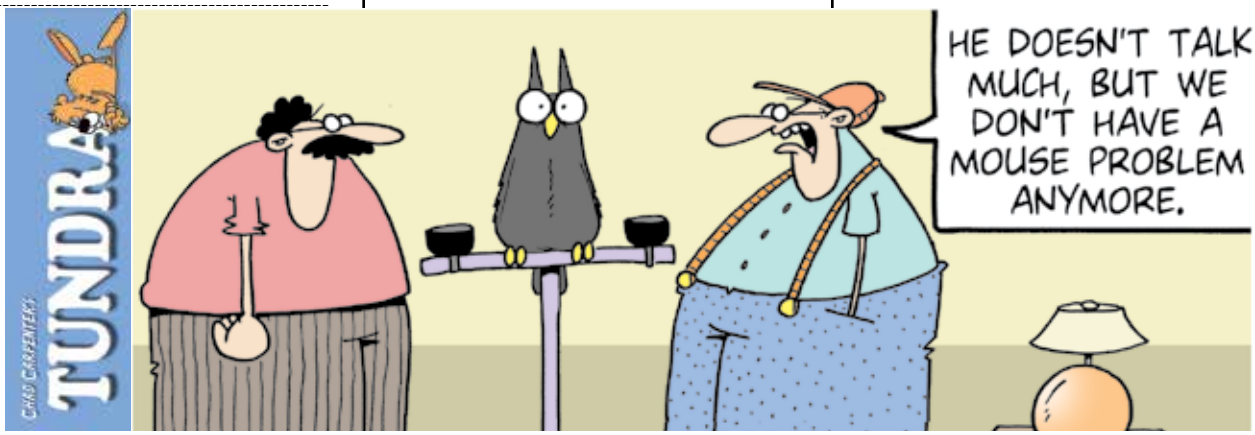
Therese Ledoux	May 5
Gracie Gibbons	May 6
Megan Hartford	May 6
Mia Jade Quinlan	May 6
Anita Croft	May 7
Laura Morse	May 7
Scarlet Rusinoski	May 7
Taylor Mathieu	May 7
Tristan Harkins	May 7
Daniel LeFavor	May 8
Diana Dunn	May 8
Julie Dakin	May 8
Owen Murray	May 8
Teagan Shay	May 8
Elaine O'Shaughnessy	May 9
Al Doucette	May 10
April Choquette	May 10
Kyle MacDonald	May 10
Lion Helene Rose	May 10
Lorrie Wright	May 10
Jenna Aruri	May 11
Paul Hodson	May 11
Sawyer Fox	May 11
Sharon Sylvia	May 11

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information on line to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



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Rochester Candidates Night

It has been a tradition for the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) to hold a candidate's forum during an election year. In keeping with tradition, we will be holding a forum for candidates on Monday, **May 9** from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Rochester Senior Center located at 67 Dexter Lane. Each candidate for office will be given up to 5 minutes to address the audience. (If all candidates for public office attend and take the full 5 minutes, this would last about 90 minutes.) Our Moderator, COA Board Vice President Michael Cambra, will then take a question(s) from the audience (30 minutes.) Candidates are asked to please RSVP by 4 pm on Friday, May 6, 2022. You may RSVP by phone (508-763-8723) or by e-mail: EPoulin@townofrochester.com.

2022 Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race this year and with

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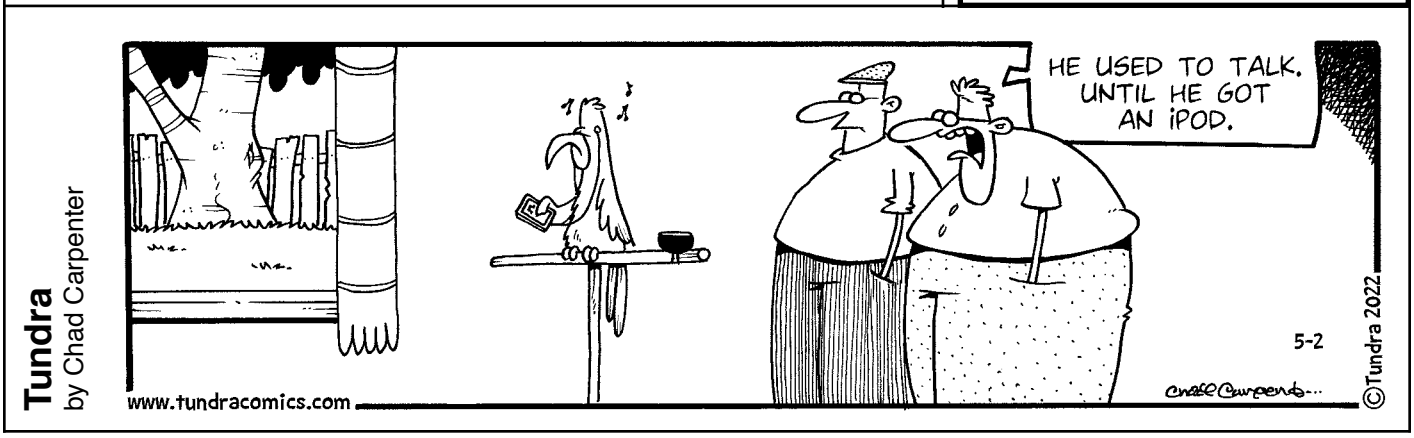

a lot of similarities to races that took place a few years ago and previously.

Some differences this year will be that only one registration session will be held, the Dorothy hot dog stand will be back in Mattapoisett and the awards program will be on Memorial Day evening but with a change in venue this year to the Rochester COA (RCOA), Senior Center at 67 Dexter's Lane.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA Senior Center, Saturday, **May 28**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, offering a choice of sit-down dining or take-out meals.

There will be raffles for two carbon-fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. Tickets will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, **May 30**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

The minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old.) Trophies are awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Preregistration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the RCOA Senior Center, Friday, **May 20**, 6:30 – 8:00. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Rod or at the registration session or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request forms.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road. Or, you may return the forms by email, but you must bring the original, signed forms to the registration session or to the start of the race **May 30**. Or, you may return them by regular mail (USPS.) If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that

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they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, **May 20**, 8:00 PM in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position this year.

For further information, contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email: artbenner@comcast.net. Check Facebook 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race' for updated info.

Fairhaven Homecoming Fair

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Fairhaven Improvement Association's Annual Homecoming Fair is scheduled for Saturday, **June 25**. The annual Homecoming Fair has been Fairhaven's largest and most popular event with 175 craft and food vendors, an art show, all day live entertainment, fire engine rides and much more.

"We have missed our vendors, volunteers and the many town departments who help us put on the Fair", said Barbara Acksen, Chairperson of the Homecoming Fair Committee. "Most of all we have missed the community. Everyone has missed the opportunity for connection with others in a fun and joyful atmosphere. The Fair has long provided that sense of community and all of us on the committee are excited to be working on restoring it."

Applications for the Fair are currently available at the Fairhaven Town Hall, the Millicent Library, and the Tourism Office. Applications are also available at www.facebook.com/fairhavenimprovementassociation/ or fairhavenimprovement.org .

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Camdyl LLC	Achorn, Carl Achorn, Jennifer	0 Snipatuit Rd	Rochester	04/19/2022	260,000.00

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	May 5	11:58		5:17	5:05
Friday	May 6	12:05	12:44	5:58	5:49
Saturday	May 7	12:51	1:32	6:48	6:42
Sunday	May 8	1:38	2:20	7:57	7:49
Monday	May 9	2:28	3:10	9:13	9:07
Tuesday	May 10	3:21	4:04	10:06	10:18
Wednesday	May 11	4:19	5:00	10:47	11:15
Thursday	May 12	5:19	5:54	11:25	
Friday	May 13	6:14	6:43	12:04	12:04
Saturday	May 14	7:05	7:30	12:51	12:44
Sunday	May 15	7:54	8:18	1:39	1:27
Monday	May 16	8:44	9:07	2:28	2:13
Tuesday	May 17	9:35	9:58	3:20	3:02
Wednesday	May 18	10:28	10:52	4:11	3:53
Thursday	May 19	11:24	11:50	5:02	4:45
Friday	May 20		12:22	5:57	5:41
Saturday	May 21	12:50	1:23	7:12	6:50
Sunday	May 22	1:50	2:23	8:46	8:55

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	May 8th
	Full Moon	May 16th
	Last Quarter	May 22nd
	New Moon	May 30th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the April 28, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 35!

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Dilate 2. Talent
3. Point; 4. Absorb

Today's Word

BATTLE

Sudoku Answer

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5	9	6	7	3	2	1	8	4
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2	8	5	3	7	4	6	9	1
9	1	4	8	2	6	5	3	7
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8	6	7	5	4	3	2	1	9

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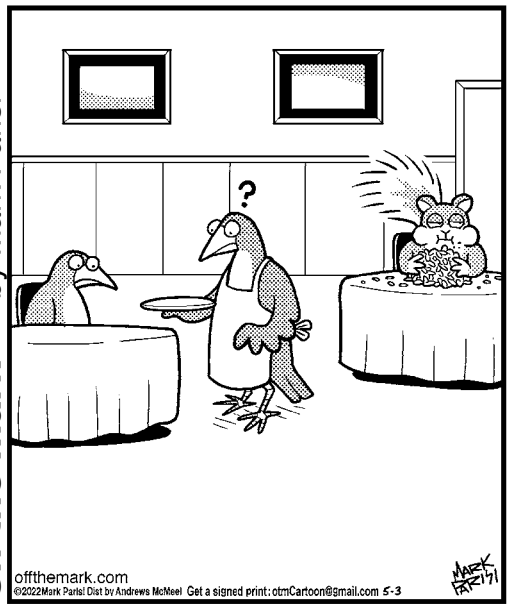

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NEW HOURS! Daily: 7am–9pm at PLUMB CORNER

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 6 — Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mother's Day Savings!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Beef Boneless **Strip Steak** $16.99 lb.

Store Baked **Turkey** $8.99 lb.

Poland Spring 1 Liter Bottle Selected **Sparkling Water** 99¢ +Dep.

Cabot 16 oz. Salted or Unsalted **Butter Quarters** $4.59

Gifford's 32 oz. Selected **Ice Cream** $3.99

Bench 750 ml California Pinot Noir **Wine** $19.99 Reg. Price: $21.99

Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg. Strawberries	$3.99
Seedless Red Grapes	$2.49 lb
Seedless Watermelon	$6.99 ea
Cluster Vine Tomatoes	$1.69 lb
Crisp Iceberg Lettuce	$1.69 ea
Fresh Broccoli Crowns	$1.99 lb

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!